

Hotel des Indes
Djakarta, Indonesia
August 30, 1952.

Dear Allen:-

We have arrived safely in Djakarta, and one of the first things I must do is to send you this letter and to thank you for your introduction to Ambassador Cochran. I have had a good long talk with him, and Alice and I went over to his house for tea the first day we were here. So we feel, already, well acquainted. I found him most helpful in every way - even to getting my car through the customs and worrying about our accommodations. Actually we are most comfortable here at the hotel; and in view of the most

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Stringent housing shortage I expect
we will be here for some time.

I stopped over in Manila for
a few days and had some good
talks with Ambassador Spruance.
He had recently returned from a visit
to Formosa, and his impressions
of affairs there are most encouraging.
He feels that the training program is
going well, economic conditions
improving, and the government
showing an energy and efficiency which
 belie the accepted view of Chiang and
his associates. (at least the State Department
view). 0000145 001081829

Our only regret at being away is
that we shall miss the election; though
I feel sure Stevenson will win, which
means that the "mess" won't be cleaned
up! Alice joins me in best regards
Allen W. Dulles, Esq. Sincerely yours
Washington, DC. W. A. Dulles.